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By the King.

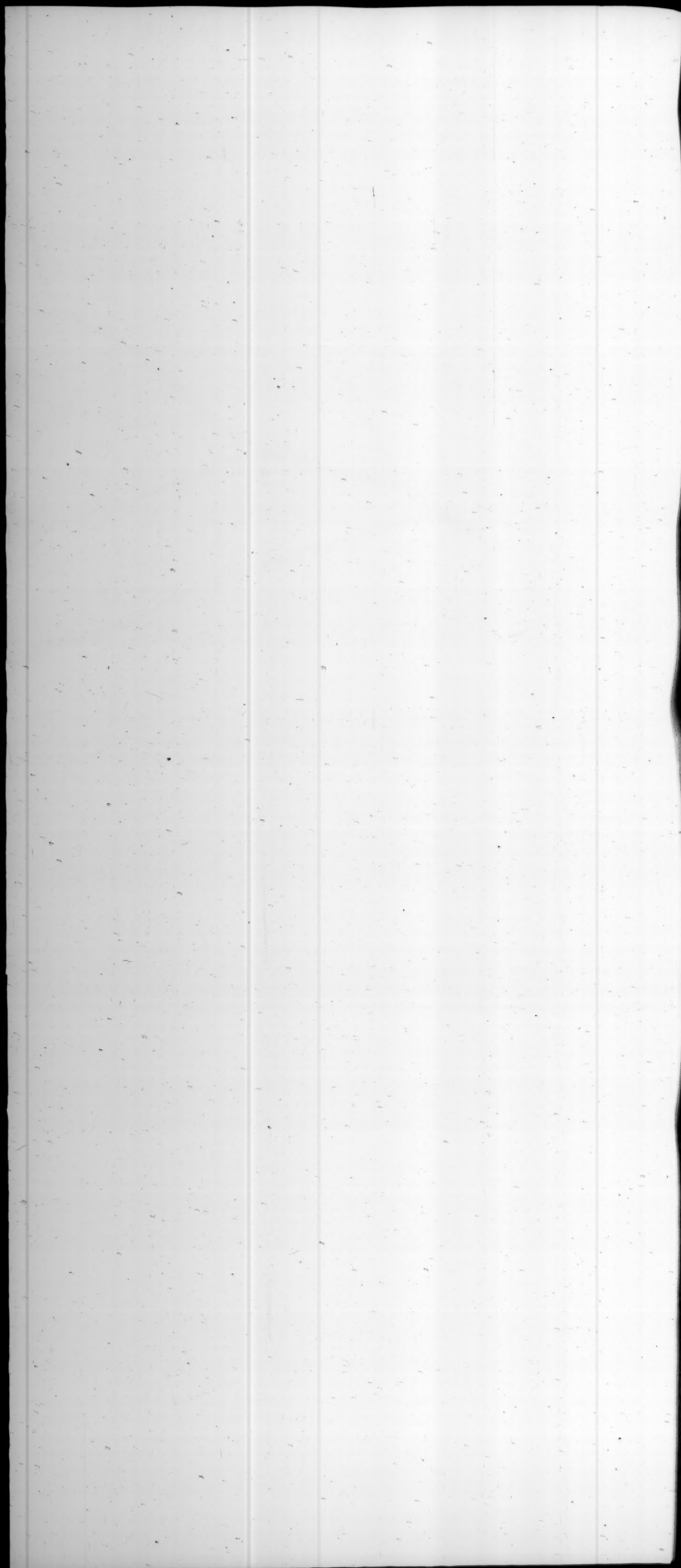
A Proclamation for the wearing of
Woollen Clothes.



He Kings most Excellent Maiestie taking into his Princely consideration, the great and manifold inconveniences, which dayly grow vnto the State by the excesse of Apparell, generally vsed within this Kingdome, whereby not onely the state and meanes of particular persons (chiefly of the Nobilitie and Gentlemen) is wasted and weakened; but also the generall stocke of the Kingdome, in point of Trade, doeth continually decay by receiuing in a greater quantitie and value of forraine Commodities, then the native Commodities exported doe counteruaile; The Cloth also, and clothing of this Kingdome, and the Draperie of all sorts, as well old as new, and all the manufactures thereupon depending (whereby infinite numbers of good people are set on worke) are much hindered; And lastly there followeth besides the mischiefs aforesaid, in the politique part of the gouernment, no lesse euill effects in corruption of Manners tending to pride and riot:

Hath thought good (according to the examples of his Royall Progenitors in like cases) to giue remedy thereunto, the rather, for that there is no Law at this time in force, for the repressing of the same, but the former Lawes in that case prouided were repealed, for that it was foreseene, that offences of that Nature were fitter to be left to his Maiesties Proclamation, and other politique Ordinances (according to the euents of time and occasion) then to bee regulate by a positive Law.

And herein his Maiestie out of his great wisdom, and the experience of former Remedies, hath not thought good to loade his Royall Commandement and Ordinance, either with too strickt prohibitions, or with distinctions of persons (which hath bene a principall cause, that former Statutes and Proclamations both haue become fruitlesse) but would haue all his loving Subjects to vnderstand, by the plainnesse and moderation of his Commandements, that he expecteth to haue them fully and duely ob-



Wherefore his Maestie straightly chargeth and commandeth, That no man of what degree soeuer, shall (after the 13. of January next following the date of these presents) weare in the outside of his Coloure, Cloake, Coat, Jerkin, Bandilion, or any other the like vpper Garment, or in the outside of his hose, any manner of Stuffle of Cloth of Gold or Siluer, Veluet, Satten, Taffata, or any other Stuffle whatsoeuer, wholly made of Silke, or of Silke mixed with Gold or Siluer; Except it be on the Sunday, or other holy-day, or Festiuall day, vpon paine of his Maesties Indignation, and to be punished, as a Contemner, and Violater of his Maesties Royall Commandement.

Also his Maestie doeth likewise straightly charge and commaund vpon like paine, That no person of either sexe, of what degree soeuer, shall vse or weare after the day aforesaid, in any of their Mourning gownes, or Cloakes, at Funerals, or otherwise, any other Stuffle, but only English broad Cloth.

And further his Maestie doth declare and command, That if any person shall offend against this his Maesties Royall Proclamation, that is of the degree of a Lord of Parliament, or of the eldest sonne of Duke, Marquesse, or Earle, And so of Ladies of like degree, such person shall be censured in the Starre-chamber for their contempt in that behalfe; And doth straightly charge and command his Attourney and Solicitour Generall, to vse all diligence for the bringing of such Offenders to censure, without respect of persons.

And if such Offendour be vnder the degree aforesaid, then his Maestie doeth by these presents authorize and straightly charge and command all and euery Iustices of Assize, Iustices of Peace, Mayors, Bayliffes, and other head Officers in Townes corporate, and the Chancellours of both the Vniuersities, or their Vice-chancellours, That vpon their sight, and view of any such Offendour, They shall forthwith commit the same offender to prison, there to remaine vntill he hath giuen sufficient bond or caution (in some reasonable summe to his Maesties vse) for his obedience to this his Maesties Proclamation in time to come.

And neuerthelesse his Maestie intendeth not, but that such Offenders may be brought into the Starre-Chamber, there to be censured aswell as the Offenders of higher degree.

Lastly, his Maestie doth straightly charge and command, aswell all Iustices of Assize, Iustices of Peace, Mayors, Bailiffes, and other head-Officers in Townes corporate, and the Chancellours of both Vniuersities, and the Vice-Chancellours, to vse the vtmost of their diligence, care and industrie, to finde out and come to the view of euery such Offender, and vpon the view, them to attache and commit as aforesaid, as also all Constables and Petty-Constables, both to giue Information and Intelligence vnto such Iustices and Officers aforesayd, of euery such Offender, to the end they may come to the view of them, and also to be aiding and assisting vnto them in the execution of this his Maesties Royall Commandement.

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God saue the King.



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